

Hamsplatter

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FWRC Spring Banquet Promises To Be A Real Ham Event

The program for the April meeting was an introduction to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) organization as presented by Howard Pletcher (N9ADS) and Bill Hall (WD9HII). Howard Pletcher is the ARRL Allen County Emergency Coordinator. Howard presented videotape on how ARES and RACES play an important function in our communities emergency communications needs. He also outlined some of the upcoming events that ARES would be participating in. Forms were made available for those who wanted to register for ARES membership.

This month's club meeting will be the Spring Banquet. It will be on Friday, May 8 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The dinner will be potluck with soft drinks, coffee, plates and utensils being provided by the club. As a part of the Ham Cookbook fund raising project, everyone is reminded to bring the recipe for the dish they are providing along with at least two other recipes for the cookbook. Please use

the form provided in this Hamsplatter or at least provide the information that it requires. Take a shot at your ham name for the recipe such as "field day chili" or other colorful title. There will be a contest for the best title at the banquet. The banquet promises to be a lot of fun and fellowship for all. So plan on being there!

Don't wait too long to get your reservation in for the Dayton Hamvention bus trip. As usual, many people are waiting until the last minute to sign up, but the seats go quickly during the last couple of weeks before the trip.

Next Meeting

Friday 5/8/98

6:30 PM

Good Shepherd
United Methodist
Church
Corner of Vance Ave
and Reed Rd

So, don't get left out in the cold. Sign up now. Kevin Adam (N9IWW) is collecting money for the tickets.

Field day is coming soon and we will be calling on members to help out with the annual event. Cliff Shreve (N9MKB) will be coordinating the event and will need a lot of help from everyone. Give cliff a call and

ask him what you can do.

Upcoming events of interest to club members:

Foxhunt - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 4

Spring Banquet -
6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8
(please note early date and time!)

Dayton Hamvention
Bus Trip - 4:00 a.m. Saturday, May 16

FWRC Board Meeting - 7:30 Thursday, June 11

Field Day - June 27 & 28

See you at the Spring Banquet on Friday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.

73s Bill N9WS



April Minutes

1. The April meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 17 April, 1998. There were about 20 people present and the meeting was hosted by President Bill Stockslager.

2. The March minutes were read and there was one correction. The Spring banquet meeting place had been identified as the "Salem United Methodist" church, it should have referenced the Good Shepherd United Methodist church as the meeting place.

3. Treasurer Bob Streeter summarized the Club's financial position as follows:

	Year to date Income
	\$ 1643.22
	Year to date ex-
penses	\$ 759.81
	March Income
	\$ 146.77
	March expenses
	\$ 314.61
	Club assets (all)
	\$11829.40
	Liquid assets
	\$ 7477.90

Bob also presented a spreadsheet representing the Club's budget. He commented that about 65% of the club (relative to last years paid-up membership) had paid their 1998 dues. He also commented that the major club expense involves the publication and mailing of the Hamsplatter. With the absence of the Hamfest, the major source of income for the club is through dues. There was a suggestion from the floor about having a calling campaign to induce members to pay their dues. Several

members offered to support such a campaign. After some discussion, it was decided that a list of the unpaid members would be made available at the next meeting, and those members interested in making telephone calls could pick names (acquaintances) from the list to personalize the calls, and to split the task up.

4. Bill Hall gave a report on the IRCC meeting that occurred in Kokomo on 5 April. Eleven voting members were present. They reported that no one had been nominated for the Indiana Ham of the Year award yet; nominations are open until 1 June. They also noted that they are looking for nominations for the Hoosier Courtesy Award. This nomination must come from two previous winners of the award. Plans are being made to conduct the Bison Stampede (a six to eight hour Indiana-wide QSO Party) in the late Fall of this year. It will likely be hosted by the Goshen ARC. The next meeting of the IRCC is scheduled for 4 October and probably will be held in Kokomo again.

5. Carl Rittenhouse provided a Foxhunt report. The April hunt concluded in a city park in Woodburn with the Fox being found attached to a power pole. The winners were N9GK and KB9NRA. KB9's DOT, DOS and LOF came in 2nd while KA8WEO and teammate Allen placed 3rd. Year to date leaders are N9LOV, N9NRO, N9GK and KB9NRA, all with six points. The next hunt is scheduled for Monday 4

May starting from Shoaf Park at 6:30 PM.

6. Carl Rittenhouse reported that he had been successful in locating a replacement tube for the ATV final, so the ATV machine is operating at full power again. Carl worked with an Eimac Regional Sales manager and was able to acquire the tube for no charge.

7. It was noted that the 146.91 machine appears to have a controller problem. Carl Rittenhouse and crew are working the issue. They will probably reprogram the controller. It was also noted that the 146.94 link is being turned off during morning and evening drive-time to eliminate local chatter from being passed by the link.

8. Kevin Adam reported that there were 20 seats available for the Dayton Hamvention Bus which will depart from the Raytheon Systems Company (Magnavox) parking lot (across from Seiferts) at 04:00 on Hamvention Saturday.

9. Carole Burke and Becky Stockslager reminded attendees that the Spring Banquet is scheduled for May 8 starting at 6:30 PM. It is a total carry-in affair. Remember to bring in your recipes for the Ham Cookbook project. (OM's, tell your wives about the project NOW).

10. Bill Hall reported that he expects the church landscaping project to occur within three or four weeks. Bill circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers and will

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contact those interested once he knows the exact date of the project.

11. Bill Stockslager noted that the Club needs to find a place to store Club equipment. Our first priority is to find a location to safely store the Club's two spare repeaters. They are presently in Walt Wood's garage and he needs the room.

12. Field Day occurs over the weekend of 27-28 June. Cliff Shreve volunteered to act as Field Day coordinator. Additional people are needed to perform maintenance on the trailer and generator, transport tents, antennas, towers, etc. from their storage location out to the Field Day site, and a myriad of other chores that go along with putting on a Field Day. Volunteers are asked to contact Cliff or any other Club Officer if you can help.

13. Bill Stockslager announced that the FWRC had once again attained ARRL Special Service Club status. The certification is good for two years.

14. Bill Stockslager introduced Bill West who had just received his ticket and is sporting the call KB9SLV; welcome Bill.

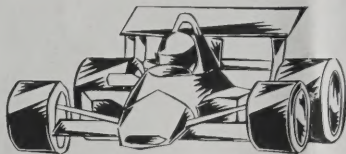
15. Becky Stockslager ran the 50/50 raffle. It collected \$13.00 total which was split between the Club and ticket winner Terry, W9CSL.

16. Following the regular meeting, a presentation was provided by Howard Pletcher, N9ADS, Allen

County Emergency Coordinator, and Bill Hall, WD9HII. Their presentation provided us an introduction to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and included a video produced by the ARRL.

Respectfully submitted

Al Burke, WB9SSE



Hamsplatter Editor Needed

As I wrote in last months column, I will not be able to publish and edit the "Hamsplatter" any longer. This is due to professional and personal conflicts.

Unfortunately no one came forward to volunteer to take this post. The June issue will be the last I will be able to do. If an editor is not found by then, the Hamsplatter will go the way of the Hamfest and become but a footnote in the history of our club. I do hope that this will not be the case but it is up to the members.

The Hamsplatter, I feel, is a

vital communications tool (the only communications tool for that matter) for the club to reach all members.

Basically the only things needed to do the Hamsplatter is time, a computer, printer, and possibly a scanner. The club does have a hand scanner if you don't.

I truly hope that someone comes forward so we don't have to lose this too.

Please call me at 492-2138 for details.

Thank You,
Todd Hargis, N9XRG
Editor

FWRC SPRING BANQUET

The Spring Banquet will be held May 8 at 6:30 PM.

The location of the event will be the clubhouse.

This year, due to budget constraints, the banquet will be a carry in (aka: pot luck). This is a wonderful time to meet your fellow members and engage in some fellowship.

See ya there!!



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